

**SERVANT PROBLEM IN
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CHIEF CHARACTERISTICS
OF THE INDIAN DO-
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ACCEPTED AS LIAR AND
THIEF.**

They have a servant problem in India, and it is quite as big as the problem we have in England. If you are accompanied by your wife then it is quite necessary the mem-sahib should have her "ayah." To endeavor to go through the East without this chocolate-colored body-guard is to stamp yourself as either mean or else untutored in ways Oriental. If you are a resident, and it does not matter in how humble a position, your bungalow is overrun with attendants. You are waited on hand and foot; but the custom means bondage of a peculiarly irritating character, since privacy virtually is non est.

Every man servant in India is a "boy." He may be 70 years of age, bent and white-haired, but he is always a "boy." Every waiter, every coolie, in fact everybody native, is "boy," except those who are reputed to be able to read or write English and insist upon being called "babu." After a little while the European contracts a disease called the "boy" fever. The luxury of being waited on hand-and-foot is irresistible. The most insipid of Englishmen soon learn to yell "B-o-o-o-y!" in that deep and choleric tone which is so fashionable and which is supposed to have been invented by the earliest members of John Company.

To the seasoned Anglo-Indian every boy is a born liar and thief. He is accepted as such ipso facto. To the newcomer this attitude toward our "black brother" is incomprehensible. After a season in India the newcomer knows why and invariably is more bitter in his race partisanship than the older resident. I do not wish to suggest that all boys are incorrigibly dishonest; I have heard, usually at third or fourth hand, of the existence of an honest boy, but I have seen none.

I was very innocent when I engaged my first boy, but then I had been only twenty-four hours in India. I was charmed with his appearance. His white clothes and turban were spotless. He was tall and handsome. His salaam was ecstatic, and he wanted only twenty-five rupees a month if he stayed in Bombay or thirty rupees if he traveled.

His "chits," or testimonials, were beautiful. Generals, majors, captains and all sorts of high military functionaries, as well as a large number of travelers, had enjoyed the services of Behwar, as he was called, and all said what sorrow it gave them to part with him and with what pleasure they recommended him to another wandering sahib.

For two days he was as faithful as a dog. On the morning of the third he informed me he was married and had quite a lot of children. As it was my intention to go up country, would the sahib allow poor Behwar three months salary in advance so that he could leave provision for his family. As I have said, I was very innocent, and the "boy" was so charming, I advanced him his salary and an hour later India had swallowed him up, never to be seen by me again.

The next applicant for the post was a little Madras, whose face was one perpetual smile. He spoke very little English, but he was armed with a bundle of chits, of which he was abnormally proud. The first read something like this: "The bearer of this is a splendid menteur. He is a most admirable voleur. He has served me with great improbity, and I sincerely trust he will speedily obtain a situation aux enfers."—Pall Mall Magazine.

**Randle Highlands
News**

At a meeting of the Citizens' Association, held the other night at R. F. Bradbury's store, Norman A. Merritt was indorsed for postmaster, a monument for Ensign Worth Bagley in East Washington, and the reclamation of the Anacostia Flats were subjects discussed.

Mr. Harry H. Whipple was elected temporary secretary in the absence of Judge Stephens.

Col. Arthur E. Randle gave notice that he would donate a site on Pennsylvania avenue, Randle Highlands, for the erection of a town hall.

The proposed central committee for the southeastern suburbs was indorsed and the secretary was instructed to notify Chairman W. W. Price that the Randle Highlands Citizens' Association will be represented by its president, J. Walter Mitchell, and Harry H. Whipple. William Perry was elected a member of the association. The decision was reached to meet hereafter the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

Have you seen the lady with a new dress? Let us talk about it.

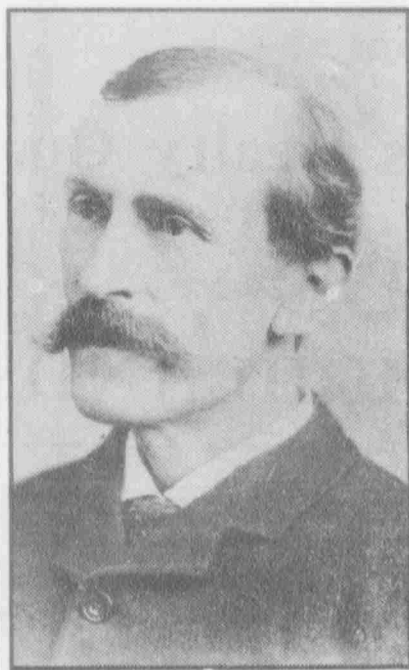
Mr. Dunne, of Nyack, N. Y., has secured a position as ad. solicitor for the Weekly News.

Mr. Fenwick, of this city, has also secured a position on the staff of workers for the Weekly News.

We are pleased to announce the arrival of a sweet little girl to the happy parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schieckler, Naylor Road.

**A LIFE OF SERVICE
FINISHED.**

For many long weeks the thread of life that united earth and heaven was flickering, sometimes almost broken, then again strengthened by some unknown power, but at 10:15 on Monday night, November 1, the last cord was severed and the spirit of Mr. Joseph H. Voorhees



took its flight to another world. With one breath he was talking happily and consciously with the companions of his youth and old age, and with the next he was rejoicing with the angels around the throne of God. How near earth and heaven must be!

In the year 1837, at Lumberton, N. J., this life—a tiny spark of immortality—began its earthly pilgrimage. At the age of thirty-two he was happily united in marriage, thus assuming the duties and re-

sponsibilities of home-making. As a husband, truer devotion was never known in anyone. As a soldier and citizen, he was all a country could ask for. And as a teacher, thirty-six years were given entirely to the school room all for the purpose of pointing out to those under him a way to a broader and more exalted life. His last earthly task was to help and improve his home and community, and the Citizen's Association has sustained a loss that can not be repaid. Truly was his a life of service to humanity, especially the weak and helpless. No call for help ever found in him a deaf ear, but in his noble heart always met a responsive cord.

How our hearts go out in sympathy for our aged sister now in this sad hour of her life! For forty years she has enjoyed the sweet companionship of that husband whom she had loved with all the devotion of a good woman's heart, and now her comfort and joy is that this, the dearest tie of earth, has been loosed here and tied in heaven where there is an endless age of unity and peace and happiness.

On Thursday morning, the 4th, the funeral services were conducted at his home in Kenilworth, and many friends gathered to pay the last tribute of love to this friend, neighbor and loved one. Truly we can all say that Mr. Voorhees was a friend in need. He was put to rest in the National Cemetery with all the military honors due an officer of the Civil War.

How comforting it is for us to feel that after a life of seventy-two years of service to humanity in this world, with its perplexities and trials, he has gone to an everlasting home of happiness and joy.

"When from out the bourne of time and place,
The floods shall bear me far;
I hope to see my pilot, face to face,
When I have crossed the bar."

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